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11. (C) Italian Consul General Maurizio Bungaro confirmed the January 17 release of Italian Agip employee Roberto Dieghi after 41 days in captivity. One Lebanese and two Italian employees of Agip remain in captivity. According to security sources, Dieghi was released because he was in poor health. Consul General Bungaro told Poloff on January 18 Dieghi's condition is "not so bad" and that Dieghi will continue resting at Agip's company hospital in Port Harcourt before returning to Italy. According to Bungaro, Dieghi said the three remaining hostages are psychologically frustrated but physically unharmed. (Reftel)

12. (U) Security sources report the five Chinese telecommunication workers kidnapped on January 5 were released on January 17. Post has no further details at this time.

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